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SUBJ: OFFICIAL VEHICLES FOR EMBASSY DAMASCUS

REF: DAMASCUS 1435 AND 1853 STATE 198970

1. IN EMBTEL 1435 THE EMBASSY INDICATED THAT SIX ADDITIONAL VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO ADEQUATELY COVER EMBASSY'S MOTOR TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.
2. STATE 198970 INFORMED POST THAT DESPATCH AGENT BALTIMORE IS PRESENTLY ARRANGING SHIPMENT OF A CHRYSLER NEW YORKER SEDAN AND A PLYMOUTH SATELLITE SEDAN.
3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT A CHEVROLET STATIONWAGON WILL BE SHIPPED SOON FROM BERMUDA. EARLY ADVICE ON HOW AND WHEN THIS VEHICLE WILL BE SHIPPED IS REQUESTED.
4. HEAVY DEMAND FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION AT THIS POST MAKES URGENT OUR NEED FOR THE OTHER 3 VEHICLES ALLOCATED (1 1/2 TON STAKE TRUCK WITH HYDRAULIC LIFT TAILGATE, A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CARRYALL AND ANOTHER STATIONWAGON.
5. BECAUSE OF POOR LOCAL ROADS ALL VEHICLES SENT DAMASCUS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH HEAVY DUTY SPRINGS AND SHOCK ABSORBERS. ALSO, BECAUSE OF THE LONG HOT DAMASCUS SUMMER, ALL EXCEPT CARRYALL AND TRUCK SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH FACTORY AIRCONDITIONING. DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THESE VEHICLES SOONEST

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REQUESTED. ANY MODIFICATIONS TO VEHICLES WHICH MIGHT

BE REQUIRED COULD BE DONE BY SEABEES FROM BEIRUT AFTER
VEHICLES ARRIVED DAMASCUS.
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